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DATE: September 24, 2014
TO: Members of the Legislative Finance Committee
FROM: Barbara Smith, Operations Manager
RE: Suicide Mortality Review Team Update

As per committee request, I received the following information on the Suicide Mortality Review Team (SMRT) from Karl Rosston, Suicide Prevention Coordinator:

The Suicide Mortality Review Team has reviewed 104 of 156 suicides to date. The SMRT will have recommendations by mid-November based on reviews and recommendations. The goal of the SMRT is to better understand why people complete suicide in an effort to prevent future loss of life.

The team consists of:
Karl Rosston, DPHHS, Suicide Prevention Coordinator
Dr. Leonard Lantz, Psychiatrist
Bowman Smelko, Psychologist
Brian Gootkin, Sherriff
Stephanie Iron Shooter, Advocacy Organization
Carol Josephson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Vicki Waddington, Clergy

Our meeting schedule was/is:
January 15, Helena
February 27, Helena
March 26, Helena
May 15, Billings
July 10, Helena
August 27, Bozeman,
October 1, Helena
November 12, Helena

In addition, I have asked the staff of AMDD to forward the SMRT recommendations to Lois Steinbeck and me at the completion of their work. A brief update can be provided at the December LFC meeting.